

RATIFY QUICKLY, PLEASE OF CLEMENCEAU TO U. S. SENATE

French Premier Declares France Can Count Upon America in Time of Peace as Well as in War; Asserts League of Nations Will Exist Even Though It is Rejected by U. S.; Vote in Senate Causes Concern.

PARIS, France, Sept. 25.—Speaking in the chamber of deputies today on the German peace treaty, premier Clemenceau said that if he had any word to send the United States senate it would be that it hurry the ratification of the treaty.

Alluding to the entry of the United States into the war, the premier said that France might count upon America in time of peace as well as in war.

Replying to criticisms of the treaty, M. Clemenceau said the league of nations was not a perfect as president Wilson would have desired, but that he considered it had no criticism to offer. In an explanation to the chamber of deputies Wednesday, premier Clemenceau, after declaring that the league of nations could exist even though rejected by the United States senate,

asserted that it was precisely because the French felt that the league of nations was an insufficient guarantee for some years to come that the protective treaties of alliance between France, Great Britain and the United States were drawn up.

Vote Seen as Significant.
The vote in the United States senate, postponing consideration of some of the amendments, is regarded as significant and caused surprise in the French chamber. Louis Barthou repeatedly asked the government for explanations.

Andre Tardieu and M. Piebon, foreign minister, replied, but the chamber was not satisfied. Premier Clemenceau then declared that even in the event of the United States senate not voting for the league of nations covenant, the league could exist. The protective treaties of alliance between France, Great Britain and the United States, he added, were not dependent upon the league. They would come into force, and France would be protected.

THREATS TO REJECT TREATY

Wilson is Much in Earnest in His Fight Against Reservations.

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definite advice concerning the senate's intentions may have swayed him from his original purpose. At any rate, he made the issue clear when he reached Cheyenne where he declared also that the organized forces of opposition outside the congressional halls were the hypocritical Americans and pro-Germans forces which tended toward disloyalty during the war.

Must Go in or Stay Out.
"The issue is clearly," he said, "We can't avoid it. We have got to make it now and once made we cannot turn back. We must either go in to guarantee the peace of the world or stay out until some dark and disastrous day and seek admission with Germany."

So the president has cast the die. And the whole burden of his speeches hereafter will be toward a delimitation of the forces which he is convinced are trying to bring about a separate peace with Germany and a rejection of the treaty by means of destructive reservations. The president realizes that many of the proposed reservations have not only no constructive meaning but only to clarify language of the covenant, so the decision will now center on what kind of reservations so alter the meaning of the contract and what reservations it will be possible for the president to defend as he approaches the other nations and asks their acquiescence in such unobjectionable reservations as the senate may finally put into the ratifying resolution.

Two-Thirds Vote Needed.
But even though a majority vote may insert in the ratifying resolution amendments or reservations such as are proposed with respect to articles X, a two-thirds vote is needed ultimately to pass the ratifying resolution and rather than put the United States senate in the position of rejecting the treaty or putting language into it which would mean resumption of renewed negotiations with Germany, a sufficient number of senators, a little more than one-third, could prevent the ratifying resolution from coming to a vote in objectionable form.

This would transfer the fight to the question of responsibility for delaying peace. Those who were holding up the treaty would contend that its amended form is a rejection of the treaty and a vote is futile while those who had passed a ratifying resolution with reservation would argue that enough votes were available to move the treaty out of the senate into negotiation with other powers.

But Mr. Wilson apparently intends from now on to demonstrate where the responsibility for delay lies. He says again and again in his speeches that as he has now crossed the continent he is qualified to say that overwhelming sentiment favors the immediate ratification of the treaty. Certainly in California, Utah and Wyoming as well as in Oregon, Washington and Montana—the states which practically elected Mr. Wilson in 1912—is unquestionably true.

The people in those states do not object to reservations but as soon as one asks the question as to the character of reservations deemed wise it is immediately declared that only reservations which don't mean new negotiations with Germany or the associated powers will be approved by the people.

Senator Smoot, of Utah is confronted now with the fact that president Grant of the Mormon church has come out in favor of the covenant without qualifications.

West Wants the League.
Senator Warren, of Wyoming, faces a watchful constituency which wants him to see that a league of nations is not a thing which will not approve of destructive reservations. This information was given to me by a well informed man, disinterested in politics, who has just made a canvass of league of nations sentiment in all parts of Wyoming.

I obtained fully the same impression in Utah. The western states have analyzed the treaty and covenant more than any other section of the country and have been won to the central idea of it. They think its imperfections can be cured when once the league begins to function and they are afraid of the consequences of a rejection of the treaty at this time, especially when no substitute is offered to guarantee the peace of the world. Copyright, 1919, El Paso Herald.

ASKS LIST OF PRESENTS.
KINGS GAVE MIL WILSON.
Washington, D. C., Sept. 25.—The state department was asked to furnish a list of all presents tendered president Wilson through that department from kings, princes or foreign states since December 1, 1918, under a resolution introduced by representative Ramseyer, Republican, of Iowa.

DENY KOLCHAK HAS QUIT.
Washington, D. C., Sept. 25.—Official advice received by the state department yesterday from Omak, under Tuesday's date, indicated that admiral Kolchak had not resigned and that he did not contemplate such action.

Obstacles to Economic Freedom.
and the restriction of liberty in professional and mechanical lines in the maintenance of great armies, not only in the United States, but in Germany, Italy, France and Great Britain. If the United States should stand off, we would have to have the biggest army in the world. There would be nobody else to take care of our interests and we would have to look out for ourselves.

"When I hear gentlemen say we will be independent, and we are able to look out for ourselves, I say, consult your fellow citizens; it will have to mean universal conscription; taxes such as we have never known; concentration of authority in the government activities and for the uses of these terrible instruments. You cannot conduct a war as we conducted the army by a debating society; you cannot determine the war in community. The community must be going to have a staff like the German staff. You will have to enter it in the commandment of the war and the scale of human labor will be conserved."

Magna Charta For Labor.
"If we do not have this treaty of peace, labor will continue to be not what is ought to be a human function, but a purchasable commodity throughout the world. It is incorporated in the articles of this great treaty a magna charta for labor. There is set up a nucleus of periodical examination of the conditions of labor all over the world protecting the labor of women and children; to have not the physical endurance to endure the burden put on them, and it is the duty of the nations of the world to study the methods of labor and raise the scale of human labor. You know what that means. We have not done our full duty in regard to the amelioration of the conditions of labor in America, but the conditions here are better than anywhere else, and we now have an opportunity to exercise our full influence to raise

U. S. SPEAKS NEWLY

Out of League, U. S. Must Have World's Greatest Army, He Declares.

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ized the covenant provision under which disturbing questions could be brought up for discussion by the league. That provision, he said, made such questions "everybody's business," while hitherto international law had meant "nobody's business" except when something outrageous is up.

People at Last Awake.
In his reference to reservations, the president declared the people at last were awake and no longer could be misled about what was in the treaty.

He said he had no doubt about what the result would be. "There is no turning aside from the straight line," he said. "We must accept this arrangement or reject it."

To stay out, he added, would mean that the United States would forfeit the confidence of the world and would find itself shut out industrially and morally from the world's society.

Pointing out that the power of negotiating treaties vested with the executive branch of the government, Mr. Wilson continued:

"When the senate has acted, it will be for me to determine whether its action constitutes an adoption or a rejection."

He added that he hoped the senate would not leave the matter in doubt, but would make its position unmistakable, and would put its decision into such form that it would clearly constitute a rejection or an acceptance.

President Wilson left Denver at 11 o'clock this morning for Omaha, Neb., where he is to deliver his next address.

Text of Speech, in Part.
The president said, in part:

"I say to you that this (the treaty) is a great document of liberation. The center and heart of this document is the provision regarding the transfer from the German empire of the Shantung province to Japan, practically nothing in the body of the treaty has seemed to constitute any great obstacle to its adoption. All the controversy, all the talk has centered on the league of nations and I am glad to see the issue centered."

Explains Vote in League.
"I want to call your attention and to point out what is not often enough explained to audiences in this country—the actual constitution of the league of nations. It consists of two bodies, a council and an assembly. The assembly is the numerous body. In it every self governing state that has a vote on the league is represented, and not only the self governing independent states, but the self governing colonies of the dominions, such as Canada, New Zealand, Australia and South Africa; they are all represented in the assembly, and it is in the assembly that the combined representation of the several members of the British empire are assigned six votes, and you are constantly being told that Great Britain has six votes and we have only one. I want you to appreciate the full significance of that; they have six votes in the assembly and the assembly doesn't vote. So that bubble is exploded. There are several matters in which the vote of the assembly matters, but in every such case a unanimous vote of the council is necessary. Inasmuch as the United States is a permanent member of the council, her vote is necessary to every self policy of the league and, therefore, the single vote of the United States always counts six, as far as the votes of the British empire are concerned."

Next War To Be Worst.
"You may ask if this is absolute insurance against war, certainly not. Nobody can give absolute insurance against human passions; but if you can get a little insurance against a future war, it is not better than getting none at all. I do not hesitate to say that the war we have just been through, though it was fought with terror of every kind, is not to be compared with the war we have to face next time. There were instruments possessing methods of destruction inconceivable which were just ready for use when the war ended; great projectiles which guided themselves, capable of 100 miles or more and bursting tons of explosives on helpless cities; something which the Germans, who bombarded Paris from a great distance, could not conceive. What they used were toys as compared with what would be used in the next war. I ask any soldier if he wants to go through any hell like that again, that I want to see the next war would be, and that is what would be the destruction of mankind; and am for any kind of insurance against it, and the enormous cost of civilization, and consequently it means disarmament."

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SOLDIER FACES MURDER CHARGE

Corp. Allen is Accused of Shooting His Wife Two Weeks Ago.

Corp. James Allen, confined to the base hospital at Fort Bliss suffering from gunshot wounds said to have been self-inflicted, is charged with murder in connection with the death of his wife in a complaint filed in justice Clark Wright's court Thursday. Corp. Allen is alleged to have shot his wife, Mrs. Grace Allen at their home in Orchard park. The shooting occurred about two weeks ago.

Corp. Allen has been confined to the base hospital at Fort Bliss since the shooting. But little hope was at first entertained for his recovery, but his condition has greatly improved recently.

NEW RULES FOR RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS

Hutchinson, Pa., Sept. 25.—New regulations for the war department for the reserve officers' training corps to be released at this fall in the barracks and schools of the country were announced by secretary Baker in an address at the opening exercises of Lehigh university.

Secretary Baker said that "the government will furnish to institutions forming training units of at least 100 members an officer to act as professor of military science and tactics, with such assistants as may be necessary and all the requisite uniforms, arms and equipment."

Students who attend the summer camps will, in addition, be provided with quarters and subsistence free of cost, and transportation is paid from their homes.

38 CALIFORNIANS PROTEST JOHNSON'S TREATY STAND

San Francisco, Calif., Sept. 25.—Thirty eight well known men of San Francisco and vicinity have sent a joint telegram to United States senators Hiram W. Johnson, protesting against his attitude on the peace treaty.

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HOWZE DIVISION HIGHLY PRAISED

French High Commissioner Writes of the Work of El Paso General's Men.

The Army and Navy Journal of recent date contains an interesting account of a letter received by Maj. Gen. Robert L. Howze, who commanded the Third division, Fourth corps, Third army, American expeditionary forces, from Andre Tardieu, who was French high commissioner to the United States during the great war. The letter is dated Paris, August 2, expressing the gratitude of France for the work done by the Third division and reiteration especially to the part the organization took in the operations of the Marne. In the Muese-Argeonne and at Chateau Thierry.

Referring to the battle of the Marne, M. Tardieu says of the division: "One of its machine gun battalions, the 1st, covered itself with glory in front of Chateau-Thierry, defending the crossing of the Marne." Gen. Howze also has a silver medal presented to him by the French government. It is in the form of an ellipse, and shows the famous Lion of Belfort.

Col. Sigerfoos Given Posthumous Rank Of Brigadier General

An unusual tribute was paid the late Col. Edward Sigerfoos in the United States senate, September 2, bestowing the rank of brigadier general, posthumously, upon him. Col. Sigerfoos was stationed here for two years as major in the 16th infantry and numbered many friends in this city.

Only once before in the history of this country has such a bill been passed by congress, and now the measure, it passed unanimously, Col. Sigerfoos was nominated October 4, 1918, to be a brigadier general and was confirmed October 10 before the news of his death on October 7 reached the United States. He died as the result of a shell wound received in the Argonne.

He was also awarded the distinguished service medal, posthumously, for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services.

NORWAY GRANTED POLITICAL CONTROL OF SPITZBERGEN

Paris, France, Sept. 25.—The supreme council of the peace conference today approved the report of the commission on Spitzbergen granting to Norway political sovereignty over the Spitzbergen archipelago. Norway is closer to Spitzbergen than any other country and virtually all of the several nations which had put in claims to the territory had waited here before the commission report was presented.

The territory is chiefly valuable for its coal mines, owned by Norwegians. The council also decided that the Kongi territory in northern Mosambic, detached from the German colonial possessions, should be given to Portugal.

NEW MOTOR OFFICER.

Maj. Jack L. Meyer, motor transport corps, has been ordered from Fort Sam Houston to Port Bliss to report to the commanding general for assignment to duty as motor transport officer here.

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At 92 He Is Father Of a Bouncing Boy

NEW YORK, N. Y., Sept. 24.—Mrs. Holloway, ninety-two years old, a Boston river bridge captain, is a father again.

The aged business woman with white hair and a nurse came from his wife's room in the Bellevue hospital here and announced: "It's a boy, and a beautiful baby, too."

This is captain Holloway's sixteenth child, all of whom are living. Mrs. Holloway, who is forty-two years old, is his third wife. She has five children, three sons and two daughters, all of whom are married, so that in reality captain Holloway is the father of twenty-one children.

FOUR MORE OFFICERS ARE TO SECURE DISCHARGES

Capt. Henry Schumacher, artillery, who has been ill at Fort Sam Houston, who recently married Miss Ole Edwards Alkin, has been ordered to report at Fort Bliss for discharge from the service. They will reside in El Paso following his discharge.

Second Lieut. Over Brown, quartermaster corps, at the army base hospital at Fort Sam Houston, is now on a tour of the border, ascertaining the condition of and making recommendations for the organization and training of the wagon companies and pack trains in the southern department. He will visit, among other places, Valenzuela, Fort Bliss, Huachuca, Douglas, Fort Huachuca and Nogales.

HEAVY RAINS AND BAD ROADS INTERFERE WITH 8TH CAVALRY

Heavy rains in the Big Bend district, reports from Maria said, Thursday, had almost demolished roads and as a result the movement of Eighth cavalry troops toward Maria and Ft. Bliss were being held up.

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President Will Regard Reservation To Article 10 Rejection Of Treaty

Cheyenne, Wyo., Sept. 25.—Reading again the proposed senate reservation to article 10 of the league of nations treaty, president Wilson declared in an address here Wednesday that should any such reservation be adopted he would be obliged to consider it as a rejection of the treaty.

The president added that rejection of the treaty would mean negotiation of a separate peace with Germany, and asserted that such a negotiation could not change a single item of the peace settlement.

"The reservation read by the president was the same that he had before his audience at the Salt Lake city tabernacle. By its provisions, the United States would assume no obligation to protect the territorial integrity of other nations, unless congress should so decide."

It is as though you said we will not join the league, he said, the president, "but may join it from time to time. We won't promise anything, from time to time we may cooperate."

"The thing is unworthy and ridiculous. It means the rejection of the treaty, nothing less. The issue is final. We cannot avoid it. We've got to make the decision now and, once made, there can be no turning back."

COL. RIVERS TO COMMAND NEW MEXICO SUB-DISTRICT

Col. W. G. Rivers, regular army, arrived in El Paso Thursday en route to Columbus, N. M., where he will assume command of the 12th cavalry. Col. Rivers saw service in France and returned from overseas but a short time ago. He will also command the New Mexico sub-district in addition to the 12th cavalry regiment.

W. H. Winter, of El Paso, spent a day in the Mesquite district looking after his property.

Samuel H. Cox is driving a new car and motored into El Paso.

INSPECTING WAGON OUTFITS

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